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## B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of providing dynamic network pricing data, said method comprising:  
determining, by a network pricing computer, an amount of traffic on a computer network, wherein the determining includes requesting traffic data from one or more network devices and receiving the requested traffic data in response to the requests;  
calculating, by the network pricing computer, a network usage price in response to the determination; [[and]]  
applying the network usage price to a network session[[.]],  
wherein the applying includes:  
recording a session start time and the network usage price for the network session;  
identifying a session stop time for the network session;  
writing a high priority header to each of a plurality of packets originating from a computer system corresponding to the network session between the session start time and the session stop time;  
determining an elapsed session time; and  
calculating a session billing amount corresponding to the elapsed session time and the network usage price.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as described in claim [[2]] 1 wherein the network devices are

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selected from the group consisting of routers, switches, and computer systems.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
identifying a client computer system corresponding to the network session; and  
sending the network usage price to the client computer system.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as described in claim [[5]] 1 further comprising:  
storing one or more session billing amounts for one or more users;  
calculating an invoice total for each of the users based on each user's corresponding session billing amounts; and  
preparing an invoice for each of the users, the invoice including each user's invoice total.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:  
one or more processors;  
a memory accessible by the processors;  
a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network; and  
a network pricing tool to provide dynamic network pricing data, the network pricing tool including:  
means for determining an amount of traffic on a computer network, wherein the means for

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determining includes means for requesting traffic data from one or more network devices and means for receiving the requested traffic data in response to the requests;

means for calculating a network usage price in response to the determination; [[and]]

means for applying the network usage price to a network session[.], wherein the means for applying includes:

means for recording a session start time and the network usage price for the network session;

means for identifying a session stop time for the network session;

means for writing a high priority header to each of a plurality of packets originating from a computer system corresponding to the network session between the session start time and the session stop time;

means for determining an elapsed session time;

and

means for calculating a session billing amount corresponding to the elapsed session time and the network usage price.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The information handling system as described in claim [[9]] 8 wherein the network devices are selected from the group consisting of routers, switches, and computer systems.

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11. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
means for identifying a client computer system  
corresponding to the network session; and  
means for sending the network usage price to the client  
computer system.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a  
computer operable media, the computer operable media  
containing instructions for execution by a computer, which,  
when executed by the computer, cause the computer to  
implement a method for providing dynamic network pricing,  
said method comprising:  
determining an amount of traffic on a computer  
network, wherein the determining includes  
requesting traffic data from one or more network  
devices and receiving the requested traffic data  
in response to the requests;  
calculating a network usage price in response to the  
determination; [[and]]  
applying the network usage price to a network  
session[.], wherein the applying includes:  
recording a session start time and the network  
usage price for the network session;  
identifying a session stop time for the network  
session;  
writing a high priority header to each of a  
plurality of packets originating from a

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computer system corresponding to the network session between the session start time and the session stop time;  
determining an elapsed session time; and  
calculating a session billing amount  
corresponding to the elapsed session time and the network usage price.

15. (Cancelled)
16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim [[15]] 14 wherein the network devices are selected from the group consisting of routers, switches, and computer systems.
17. (Previously Presented) The computer program product as described in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises:  
identifying a client computer system corresponding to the  
network session; and  
sending the network usage price to the client computer  
system.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim [[18]] 14 wherein the method further comprises:  
storing one or more session billing amounts for one or more  
users;  
calculating an invoice total for each of the users based on  
each user's corresponding session billing amounts; and  
preparing an invoice for each of the users, the invoice  
including each user's invoice total.

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20. (Cancelled)

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